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**SEX OFFENDER LIVING IN HARPERS FERRY SENTENCED
FOR POSSESSION OF IMAGES OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

MARTINSBURG, W.V. – A 50 year old Harpers Ferry, W.V., resident was sentenced on Jan. 31, 2007, in U.S. District Court in Martinsburg by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

Paul Michael Hargrove was sentenced to 43 months in prison to be followed by three years supervised release pursuant to his plea of guilty on Nov. 30, 2006, to one count of an indictment charging him with possession of images of child pornography on his computer, U.S. Attorney Sharon L. Potter of the Northern District of West Virginia announced. Law enforcement officers executing a fugitive arrest warrant out of New York State for Hargrove discovered several floppy disks containing the illegal images on a computer in his Harpers Ferry residence. Hargrove is currently incarcerated on West Virginia state charges of failing to register as a sex offender and will serve this 43 month sentence consecutive to his state term of incarceration.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul T. Camilletti. The case was investigated by the West Virginia State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This case was prosecuted as part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the U.S. Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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